



Transaction Privilege Tax Changes and News

This publication is an informational notice included with the April 2003 Transaction Privilege Tax Return.

Town of Miami

Effective May 1, 2003: The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Miami passed ordinance number 285. Ordinance 285 increases the Miami Town Privilege Tax from 1.5% to 2.5%. The tax rate increase affects the following classifications:

Advertising; Amusements; Construction Contracting; Job printing; Manufactured buildings; Timbering & other extraction; Publishing; Hotels; Rental of real property; Rental of tangible personal property; Restaurants and Bars; Retail sales; Telecommunications; Transporting for hire.

This increase imposed by this ordinance shall not apply to contracts entered into prior to the effective date of the ordinance. **Pre-existing contracts** should be reported using **CODE MM9** at a rate of **1.5%**.

Town of Snowflake

Effective June 1, 2003: The Mayor and Town Council of Snowflake passed ordinance number 03-219. Ordinance 03-219 increases the **Additional Tax on Transient Lodging** from **2% to 4%**. The Additional Tax on Transient Lodging shall be reported using code **SN1**.

The total town rate for transient lodging is 6%, 2% which is reported using code **SN** and 4% which is reported using code **SN1**.

Ordinance 03-219 also increases the tax rate on **Restaurants and Bars** from **2% to 3%**. The 3% for Restaurants and Bars shall be reported using code **SN3**.

City of Globe

Effective July 1, 2003: On February 18, 2003, the Mayor and City Council of Globe passed ordinance number 722. Ordinance 722 increases the **Additional Tax on Transient Lodging** from **3% to 4%**. The Additional Tax on Transient Lodging shall be reported using **Code GL3**.

The total city rate for transient lodging is 5.5%, 1.5% which is reported using code **GL** and 4% which is reported using code **GL3**.

YAVAPAI COUNTY JAIL TAX INCREASE

Effective July 1, 2003: The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors voted to increase the County Jail Tax. The new county rate for most business classifications will be 0.25% or .0025. That would be 25¢ (previously 20¢) tax on a \$100 transaction. Exceptions include nonmetal mining (0.156% or .00156), hotel/motel (0.275% or .00275), and jet fuel excise tax (0.152% or .00152). The total combined state and county rate for most transactions will be 6.35%. For more information, check our web site (www.revenue.state.az.us).

Do you have a business tax question?

Call our Taxpayer Information and Assistance Section at 602-255-2060 or 1-800-843-7196 (toll-free from area codes 520 and 928).

DOR Website –

www.revenue.state.az.us

Check the Department of Revenue's website for all the latest information from the department. You can find tax forms, rulings, procedures, publications, the schedule of workshops in your area and much more!

Arizona Income Tax - Extensions & E-File

E – file is still available for the 2002 Arizona Individual Income Tax Returns for those taxpayers who have filed an Arizona Form 204 - Request for Time to File or an IRS Form 4868 – Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File US Individual Income Tax Return.

The Department of Revenue encourages all taxpayers to e-file, even when an extension has been requested or if they owe tax, because e-file offers numerous benefits.

- **e-file is easy to use!** DOR, in cooperation with the IRS, offers a joint tax filing program which makes it possible for taxpayers to file both federal and state individual income tax returns electronically at the same time.
- **e-file returns have fewer errors!** Electronically filed returns are less likely to contain errors because the computer calculates all of the figures automatically.
- **e-file is secure!** Individuals can be assured that their returns were received – both taxpayers and e-file providers receive an acknowledgement that the federal and state tax returns were received.
- **e-file is convenient!** There is no need to send a check! Taxpayers who have a balance due may authorize an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) from their checking or savings account. The withdrawal date can be specified up to April 15th for returns filed prior to April 15th. For returns filed after April 15th, the payment is withdrawn from the account at the time the return is processed. In addition, a payment record will appear on the taxpayer's account statement.

And, contrary to popular belief, there is no greater chance of being audited when a return is e-filed versus a return that is filed using the traditional paper method.

E-file can be done through an on-line service or a tax professional or by using packaged software available in stores or on the Internet. Listings of tax professionals authorized to e-file, approved software products, Internet services (which includes those who offer free e-filing) and Frequently Asked Questions about e-file are available at www.revenue.state.az.us.

Employer Potpourri—Coming in June

The Community OutReach and Education (CORE) section of the Arizona Department of Revenue invites employers and tax professionals to attend the 5th annual Employer Potpourri. This is a rare opportunity to get comprehensive information from representatives of several federal and state agencies. You may also be eligible for Continuing Professional Education Credit (CPE).

Cost of the program is \$75 per person. Scheduled in Tucson, Mesa, and Phoenix:

- ✓ **Tucson – June 10**, Radisson Hotel City Center Tucson
181 W Broadway
- ✓ **Mesa – June 12**, Sheraton Phoenix East
200 N Centennial Way
- ✓ **Phoenix – June 17**, Ramada Hotel (formerly Red Lion Phoenix North)
12027 N 28 Dr.

For more information, check CORE's website at www.revenue.state.az.us/seminar.htm. You may register online or call 602-542-3062 or toll free from area codes 520 and 928, 1-877-863-0655.